# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

## **Commerce & Gaming Committee**

### **HB 1290**

**Brief Description**: Increasing the number of tasting rooms allowed under a domestic winery license.

**Sponsors**: Representatives Condotta, Hurst and Sawyer.

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

• Increases, from two to four, the number of additional, off-site tasting rooms allowed under a domestic winery license.

Hearing Date: 1/20/15

Staff: Thamas Osborn (786-7129).

#### Background:

Wineries licensed in Washington (domestic wineries) may act as distributors and retailers of wine of their own production. Such wineries must comply with applicable laws and rules relating to distributors and retailers.

A domestic winery may have up to two locations separate from its manufacturing site (additional tasting rooms) where the winery may serve samples and sell wine of its own production at retail. The Liquor Control Board must approve each additional tasting room.

#### **Summary of Bill:**

The number of additional, off-site tasting rooms allowed under a domestic winery license is increased from two to four.

**Appropriation**: None.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

**Effective Date**: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.